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AMERICAN LEGION WANTS CLOTHES

Have you any good clothing which you no longer use but which someone might be glad to have? If so, the American Legion Post of Washington Township urges you to take it to one of the schools of the township before Friday evening, Dec. 16.

A discussion of ways and means to help the poor of the community at this Christmas season was the outstanding topic discussed at the regular meeting of the Legion held in Niles Tuesday evening and it was decided to sponsor a drive for serviceable used clothing which will be distributed to needy families. Nearly everyone has some good clothes they don't wear and it will mean very little effort on our part but a good deal of comfort to some shivering children and grown ups if this clothing can be distributed for use.

Thirty-five tables of players enjoyed the band benefit whist party at Niles Friday evening. During an intermission in the playing, two vocal numbers were presented by Mrs. Alma Huntley, whose music is always enjoyed and appreciated. A short talk by V. F. Jones, a member of the music committee, was followed by a talk by Mr Kimber the band director, in which he told how the band money is being used over the township to buy instruments for any children displaying talent and the desire to play He also stressed the importance of giving the children a good foundation knowledge of music, rather than trying to have them play in concerts before they can read or interpret music.

High score at whist and a turkey was won by Mrs Bernelli. George Bonde also won a turkey. Mrs. E. B. Hodges a large box of Kraft Cheese donated by the local box factory, while Mr. Studebaker won the chicken.

Ice cream and cake were served following the whist game. The band fund will be increased about $50 by this party.

DECOTO

The Decoto Chamber of Commerce has sent a resolution into the Board of Supervisors asking to have two 20 mile speed limit sign posts placed on the new Decoto highway.

Mrs. Amaral served delicious refreshments consisting of cheese, crackers, nut loaf and tea, at the last meeting of the Mothers' Club. Today they are meeting at the home of Mrs. Amaral for the purpose of making Christmas stockings. Mrs. Blose is the hostess.

On Thursday Miss Lucile Breiner visited a friend who stopped in San Francisco. In the evening they attended the great picture, "The King of Kings."

Mr. Asher of Salt Lake City is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Coupland. He will stay with his sister over the holidays.

On Saturday morning Valentine Delgrado, Richard Silva and Mr. Decoto, put out a fire at the S. P. Pump House, preventing a loss that would have resulted when the fire reached the engine room.

On Friday evening Valentine Delgrado played three selections on his accordian for the Hayward Boy Scout Amateur Show.

Mrs. Amaral spoke on "The Influence of Friends and Companions" at the last meeting of the C.E. This is the seventh topic taken from Sidney Weston's book, "Jesus and the Problems of Life." These topics are enjoyed by all. Notice what groups of friends you see together and try to discover what draws them to each other. What difference does it make what kind of people a person associates with?" The above is a thought question. Refreshments were served by Orville Blose. The pageant staff are practicing every Wednesday.

Mr. George Perry returned home Sunday from O'Connor's Hospital.

Mr. Vernon Brolliar of Tracy was the week end guest of Mr. Lawrence Pimentel.

Mrs. Antoine Luna and son are staying with her sister, Mrs. Amaral.

Mrs. McNulty has returned from an extended visit with her sister-in-law, who is very ill. She will soon return.

BOY SCOUTS

The Newark Scouts held a weinie roast at the school house Monday evening. Lively games and refreshments helped to stimulate interest in the troop and all the boys and Scoutmaster Oscar Nemith report a very enjoyable evening.

Twenty Irvington Boy Scouts and their Scoutmaster, Rev. J. R. Stevenson, enjoyed a trip to the Chabot Observatory Friday evening. Although the evening was cloudy, interfering with their observation of the heavenly bodies, they saw the equipment and instruments in the laboratory, including a six ton telescope which can be handled by a turn of the hand. They also enjoyed an interesting stereoptican lecture by one of the professors. Messrs Randolph Griffin, Carl Christensen, O. N. Hirsch and Malcolm Anderson kindly furnished cars and accompanied the boys on their trip

NILES C. OF C.

At the noon luncheon at the Florence restaurant Tuesday, the Niles Chamber of Commerce heard a very favorable report on the new road project between Niles and Alvarado. President Duffey reported that the committee had taken up the matter of opening the road through the California Nursery property, with Mr. George Roeding, Jr., and that Mr. Roeding, speaking for the Nursery Co., showed every inclination to cooperate with Niles and Alvarado in this matter. The following composed the committee conferring with Mr. Roeding; L. J. Duffey, J. A. Crawford and August May. As the proposed road would utilize valuable property now belonging to the Nursery Co., and since there is no means of obtaining recompense, it is largely a matter of public spirited enterprise on the part of the Nursery Co., and of Mr. J. C. Shinn, if the road goes through. To offset this loss of land, however, there are the advantages of opening a means of access to Niles from the west, the elimination of a bad grade crossing, and the eventual opening up of land suitable for acreage or sub-division uses. The land which would be served by this road is in the direct path of suburban growth from Oakland, and is logically property in line for urban use by Niles. Although some of the details are still to be arranged, it is hoped and expected that through the co-operation of all parties, this improvement may be carried out.

On behalf of the Benefit Whist committee, Mr. Jones reported that the party Thursday evening was considered successful and that the band fund would be enriched by the proceeds.

County Superintendent of Schools, David Martin was present and was called upon for a short talk. He gave high praise to the school executives and teachers of Washington Township, saying that because of their management and the ability of the teachers here, he had less difficulty and more co-operation in establishing new methods, than in any other section of the county.

Another important topic discussed was brought up by Dr. Chas. L. Law, who called attention to the increasing number of accidents at the intersection of the foothill boulevard and the highway near the viaduct west of Niles. It was suggested that better signs direct traffic at the curve toward the subway and that traffic from the east over the foothill road, be checked by a boulevard stop sign. The co-operation of the State Highway Commission will be sought in regard to this safety measure.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Next Sunday morning the minister of the Niles Congregational Church will have for his subject, the great moving picture, "KING OF KINGS." This is a Cecil deMille picture setting forth the dramatic life of Jesus and is now being viewed by tremendous crowds in San Francisco and Oakland. The minister will not only trace the theme of the picture and present its great dramatic moments but also speak of the historical accuracy of various scenes. Anyone planning to see or having seen this sweeping production will be interested in hearing the review next Sunday.

Practices have started for the Christmas program of the Niles Congregational Church. The shepherds, Madonna and other characters taking part in tableaux have been selected. In addition to the program of Christmas carols and the presentation of the Christmas story in tableaux, a set of beautiful stereoptican pictures will be shown at the church the evening of December 23rd. Following the program, the Christmas tree will be lighted and there will be a treat for all the children. Members of the Sunday school will, and all others who care to, may bring a toy book or useful gift which Miss Sanford will arrange to have distributed to needy families by Christmas day. Every one is invited to attend the exercises.

THE OTHER WISE MAN.

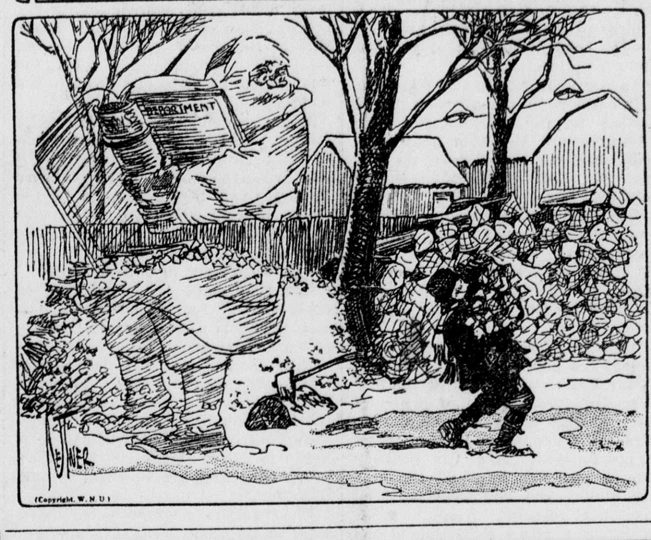
At the Christmas morning service of the Niles Church the attractive feature will be the memorized presentation of the impressive story, "The Other Wise Man." This reading will be presented by Mrs. A .W. Seebart. When Christmas falls on Sunday as it does this year, every Christian should seize the splendid opportunity afforded to make the observance of this Christian day most significant by attendance at some church of Christ.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

A successful meeting of the Christian Endeavor was held last Sunday evening with Mr. Leon Amyx as the leader. Two new members were present. The next meeting will be lead by Mr. Dick Amyx. The hour of meting is 6.30 to 8.30 and an invitation is extended to all young people of "teen" age.

The Ladies Guild will hold its next meeting in the church parlors, Wednesday, January 4

Watch Your Step, Young Fellow



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Dec. 15.—Men's Club Christmas Jinks. 6:30 Country Club House.
Dec. 16, Christmas Play, Decoto Grammar School.
Dec. 16, Niles Camp Fire girls entertain mothers.
Dec. 22.—Christmas Turkey Whist, by Corpus Christi church, I. O. O. F.Hall, Niles.
Dec. 22, Reception for Larry Bettencourt, High School.
Dec. 22, Irvington Community Church Program.
Dec. 23, Niles Congregational Church program.
Dec. 23.—Christmas Pageant. Community Church. Decoto;
Jan. 14, Dedication of new Niles Library.

"FIRST FLOOR FRONT" IS GREAT SUCCESS

Although rain was coming down in sheets Tuesday evening, a large crowd of interested spectators filled the Leal Theatre at Irvington and thoroughly enjoyed the presentation of "The First Floor Front" by the Avon Players of the Country Club, under the direction of Mrs. Genevieve Wade Hatch.

The play, which was a good comedy, centered around Miss Emma Martin,s (Mrs. K. E. Bernal) boarding house and her family of boarders, in which a great variety of types were presented. Mr. N. K. Turnbow carried the roll of the hero, a young writer who does not reveal his identity to the boarding house family and so becomes an object of curosity and a target for questions and conjectures, good and bad. Mrs. N. K. Turnbow, as the charming heroine, was one member of the group consistently friendly to the young stranger. Other friendly members of the boarding house family were, Miss Nell Bailey (Mrs. J. E. Townsend), a snappy stenographer whose witty tongue caused many laughs, and Mrs. George Beckwith (Mrs. August May), whose discussion of her poor health and indigestion, coupled with a healthy appetite for fried potatoes, also furnished considerable amusement Mrs. H. F. Chadbourne, as Miss Conover, a conscientious school teacher, who never forgot her duties, and Mr. W. E. Jones as a progressive young merchant, were other friendly members of the group. Franklin Brown took the part of a young drug clerk, and Cyril Attwood, that of a young dentist who was also worked overtime as a messenger boy by the stenographer, who later decides to marry him. Mr. Wyatt as George Beckwith, the bookkeeper and henpecked husband, specialized in contributing kindly bits of philosophy at the boarding house discussions. Mrs. R. L. Pond, as Liza Layton, an art teacher, consistently highbrowed the other boarders and so contributed to the humor of the play. Failing in her efforts to charm the hero, Miss Layton aided the villain in his attempt to blacken the hero's reputation. Mr. Newark Lax carried the heavy role as villain whose plans are frustrated at the last. Mr. Theodore Paulsen as the policeman and Frank Veit as sheriff, completed the cast. The cast was well chosen and all the participants presented their roles in a highly creditable manner. Because of the illness of Mrs. Charlotte Huntley Foster, Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Huntley were unable to furnish music and Miss Botelho played piano numbers between the acts of the play.

GARAGE CHANGES NAME

The name of the Tourist garage at Centerville is being changed to Farrington's Electric Service to conform to the name of the Niles store which was recently opened. Both places will go by the same name and be under the same management in the future. They are also adding new lines and have an exceptionally large stock of Radios and supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallard, Dr. and Mrs Sneeden of Oakland were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bergstrom of Niles at the St Claire hotel San Jose on Saturday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Law entertained about twenty friends at their home Saturday evening. Cards and dancing furnished entertainment and an elaborate supper was served late in the evening. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Drew of Sunnyvale, Warren Catterlin of Oakland. Grant Catterlin of San Bruno, and Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Johnson of Oakland.

NILES P. T. A.

The Niles P.T.A. held a successful and interesting meeting at the school house Tuesday afternoon with about thirty mothers and teachers in attendance. It was reported that Mrs. Wilcox had made a generous donation of honey for use in the cafeteria. The proceeds of last week's show was also reported as $12.60, which money will be used to supply milk for undernourished children. A count was taken to find which grade was represented by the largest number of mothers and it was found that the 6th grade mothers predominated and Miss Jacobsen's room will have the framed plot of the P.T.A emblem for this month.

Following the business meeting, cards furnished entertainment, Mrs. Solon winning high score and Mrs. Jack, low. The next meeting will be held January 10th and the 6th grade mothers will entertain

MEN'S CLUB JINKS TONIGHT

An unusally large number of reservations have been made for the Men's Club dinner and annual Christmas Jinks which will be held at the Country Clubhouse tonight, according to Carl Christensen, the secretary

Although it will not be announced, a most entertaining surprise program has been planned.

As an aid to the community singing which is always a feature of men's club meetings, Mr. H. M. Kibby and the printing classes at Washington Union High School have made some very creditable booklets in which they have printed the old time favorite songs and some new ones. The covers are decorated with a suitable Christmas design printed in three colors.

Sermon Theme, Next Sunday

"KING OF KINGS"

(Great Dramatic Picture)
Presented in Review at
NILES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Next Sunday, 11:00 A. M.
THE WINNING CHURCH

PROGRAM IS READY

The committee in charge of the reception to be held for Larry Bettencourt Friday evening has lined up a definite program and from all indications the reception will be one of the biggest affairs ever held in the township. The people of this vicinity appreciate what Bettencourt accomplished when he qualified and was chosen as all American center for 1927. They know that he has done much to inspire the boys and girls of the local high school as well as to advertise this section and will undoubtedly be there in full force to pay homage to the hero.

The program of the evening is as follows:

PROGRAM

Selections by A. Bettencourt's Orchestra ....7.30 to 8.30
Address by Captain Larry Bettencourt
Vocal Solo, Miss Antonette Botelho
Miss Sybil Botelho at the piano
Address by Brother Agnon of St. Mary's College
Piano Solo by........ Miss Eva Costa
Address by Mr. Edward (Slip) Madigan, St. Mary's Coach
Vocal Solo by Mr. Morris Silva
Miss Eva Costa at the piano
Address by Brother Leo of St. Mary's College
Violin Solo by Eugene Silva
Miss Eva Costa at the piano
Selection by Miss Antonette Botelho and Chorus

Following the reception a dance will be held in Parish Hall.

Music will be furnished by the W.O.W. Dance Orchestra.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception and dance.

Admission Free

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DEC. 16 TO JAN. 9

Schools throughout the township will close Friday afternoon, December 16th. Programs of some sort will in most cases precede the closing of schools. All of the teachers will attend Institute in Oakland the first three days of next week and most of them will enjoy the remainder of the vacation with relatives. School will reopen January 9th.

PROGRAM WILL PRECEDE VACATION

A Christmas program put on by the students themselves will be presented before the student body and teachers of Washington Uuion High School, Friday afternoon. Following the program refreshments will be served and dancing will be enjoyed for a time.

CENTERVILLE

GRAND OPENING BIG SUCCESS

The long expected appearance of the new Ford was made here on Saturday night. It is estimated that a thousand people of the Centerville vicinity saw the new car at the Grand Opening of Dohner and Galbraith's new $20,000 garage which was held at that time. The handsome new building decorated with holiday wreaths was thrown open to the public and the entire garage excepting the show room at front was used as a dance hall. An orchestra had been provided and refreshments were served. Both the building and the new car were complimented on every side as being better than had been anticipated and the affair was a grand success in every way.

Mr. Waterbury, a member of the firm is in charge of the new garage.

Mrs. C. E. Anderson and Mrs. V. Ames were in San Jose this week.

The last "Sweet 16" of the year met with Mrs. M. Mathiesen on Thursday and enjoyed the jolly game of 500. At the close Mrs. C. E. Anderson had 1st prize, Mrs. F. A. Adams playing for Mrs. Mathiesen slams and Mrs. Robert Anderson consolation. The club adjourned to meet after the holidays

Mrs Anton Roderick has been in a serious condition since Sunday morning when she fell on the porch at her home and sustained a fractured skull.

Miss Mary McLellan of San Francisco and Mr. S. Davidson of Arizona are guests of Mrs. F.. O Bunting.

Messrs Foster, McCoy of the Standard Oil Station presented a handsome fir tree to St. James Sunday school It was brought from the mountains. The children are preparing for their Christmas festival and are very grateful for the tree.

The reception to Mrs. F. Robinson given by Mrs W. Robie at Memorial Hall was a delightrul gathering and will long be remembered. About fifty were present, each bearing something they thought would help the young people in their new life. A large table was covered with gifts. There were seven tables where some of the guests enjoyed bridge while the rest of the guests visited. At the close of the game, which was decided by drawing dainty heart score cards, it was found that Mrs. E. Hellwig of Alvarado won the highest and Mrs. Peacock of Decoto the lowest. There was a cut prize for those who did not play, which was won by Mrs. Breiner of Decoto.

The decorations even to the napkins were decorated with hearts. The young lady was given every good wish for the occasion. She will leave for Los Angeles after the holidays and will make her home there

DEDICATION DATE SET FOR THE NEW NILES LIBRARY

Saturday, January 14th will be a red letter day in Niles, for that is the date set for the dedication of the new Niles Memorial Library which is now nearly completed. The new structure, which is of Spanish style of architecture and probably the finest to be found in a town of its size in the state, has been an object of much interest to the entire community ever since Mr. and Mrs W. H. Ford announced their intention of making the gift last June.

The donors of the library have made arrangements with the Masonic Grand Lodge of San Francisco to take charge of the dedicatory ceremonies. The corner stone will be sealed and the building formally dedicated to the people of the community which it is to serve. A receptacle for articles of historic interest connected with the library, will be placed back of the corner stone. This receptacle will be a copper box 10r14x3 inches. Mrs. J. E. Thane and Mrs James Whipple have been appointed to have charge of the gathering and selection of the articles to be placed in the box. According to present plans, the services will be held at 2 o'clock and a general invitation is extended to the public to attend.

JOE MARSHALL OF NEWARK IS CALLED

Joe Marshall, aged 47 years, died Monday at his home in Newark. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. He is survived by his wife and three children and a great many other relatives and friends. He was a brother of Mrs. Joe Gomes of Niles. Funeral services were held from the Botelho funeral parlors Wednesday and interment made in the Centerville cemetery.

IRVINGTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

....The Irvington Community Sunday School is planning the usual Christmas entertainment for next Thursday evening at 7.30, December the 22nd. A large Christmas tree will be a feature of the entertainment and an invitation is given to all the children of the community to attend and meet Santa Claus, who is to be present on this occasion.

A unique feature of the entertainment will be a dramatization of Leo Tolstoi's story, "Where love is there is God also." The parts will be taken by Wallace Pond, June Witherly, Olivia Foster, Mildred Durham, Robert Engel, and Barbara Foster. A number of recitations will be given and a pageant will be portrayed by the Decoto Young People's Society under the leadership of Miss Lucile Breiner of Decoto.

A beautiful lighting effect will be arranged by the use of a colored electric spotlight.

At the close of the entertainment Santa Claus is due and will distribute gifts to every child.

A freewill offering will be taken during the entertainment, which offering will go to the benevolent budget of the church.

DR. H. E. MORRISON LOSES SISTER

Angela Morrison, of San Jose, sister of Dr. H. E. Morrison of Niles, died at her home last Friday following an illness of some two months. Funeral services were held Monday and burial was made in the family lot in the Santa Clara cemetery. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison, pioneers who came to the state via Cape Horn in '49. The deceased formerly lived in San Francisco but more recently she lived in the old family home in San Jose. She is survived by her brother and four sisters. Her death was the first in the family since the death of her mother in 1889.

NILES GETS READY FOR SANTA CLAUS' VISIT

Evidences of the approaching Christmas season are increasing on every side. Niles' stores are fully stocked with every sort of gift from toys to radios and cars, offering a variety of gifts to suit every purchaser.

Duarte's Grocerateria has one of the most attractively decorated Christmas windows on record. A background of imitation snow is decorated with fruits and every Christmas delicacy a grocery store can carry.

Abrott's Hardware store windows make another bright spot resplendent with shining hardware articles dressed up in Christmas style, all very neatly and attractively arranged.

The showroom at the Rose Garage looks like Santa himself had been there to fix it up. A big Christmas tree, brilliantly lighted at night, is loaded and surrounded with Christmas gift articles, sends out a message of Christmas cheer to all who pass by.

THE BAT

A Novel from the Play

By Mary Roberts Rinehart and Avery Hopwood

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WNU Service

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"Why certainly," agreed the doctor at once. He turned back. Miss Cornelia seemed pleased.

"I hoped you would," she said, with a little tremble in her voice such as might easily occur in the voice of a nervous old lady. "Oh, yes—here's paper—and a pencil," as the doctor fumbled in a pocket.

The doctor took the sheet of paper she proffered and, using the side of his bag as a pad, began to write out the prescription.

"I don't generally advise these drugs," he said, looking up for a moment. "Still—"

He paused. "What time is it?"

Miss Cornelia glanced at the clock. "Half past eleven."

"Then I'd better bring you the powders myself," decided the doctor. "The pharmacy closes at eleven. I shall have to make them up myself."

"That seems a lot of trouble."

"Nothing is any trouble if I can be helpful," he assured her, smilingly. And Miss Cornelia also smiled, took the piece of paper from his hand, glanced at it once, as if out of idle curiosity about the unfinished prescription and then laid it down on the table with a careless little gesture. Dale gave her aunt a glance of dumb entreaty. Miss Cornelia read her wish for another moment alone with the doctor.

"Dale will let you out, doctor," said she, giving the girl the key of the front door.

"That's right," he said, smilingly. "Keep thinks locked up. Discretion is the better part of valor!"

But Miss Cornelia failed to agree with him.

"I've been discreet for sixty-five years," she said, with a sniff, "and sometimes I think it was a mistake!"

The doctor laughed easily and followed Dale out of the room, with a nod of farewell to the others in passing. The detective, seeking for some object upon whom to vent the growing irritation which seemed to possess him, made Bailey the scapegoat of his wrath.

"I guess we can do without you, for the present!" he said, with an angry frown at the latter. Bailey flushed, then remembered himself, and left the room submissively, with the air of a well-trained servant accepting an unmerited rebuke. The detective turned at once to Miss Cornelia.

"Now I want a few words with you!" he said in a surly voice. The failure of his search of the terrace and grounds seemed to irk him greatly.

"Which means that you mean to do all the talking!" said Miss Cornelia acridly. "Very well! But first I want to show you something. Will you come here, please?"

She started for the alcove.

"I've examined that staircase," said the detective, ungraciously.

He followed her unwillingly, up the stairs, his whole manner seeming to betray a complete lack of confidence in theories of all amateur sleuths in general and spinster detectives of sixty-five in particular. Their footsteps died away up the alcove stairs. The living room was left vacant for an instant.

Vacant? Only in seeming. The moment that Miss Cornelia and the detective had passed up the stairs, the crouching, mysterious Unknown, behind the settee, began to move. The door of the French windows opened—a stealthy figure passed through it silently to be swallowed up in the darkness of the terrace.

And poor Lizzie, entering the room at that moment, saw a hand covered with blood reach back and gropingly, horribly, through the broken pane, refasten the lock.

She shrieked madly.

CHAPTER IX

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Handcuffs.

Dale had failed with the doctor. When Lizzie's screams once more had called the startled household to the living room, she knew she had failed. She followed in mechanically, watched an irritated Anderson send the Pride of Kerry to bed and threaten to lock her up, and listened vaguely to the conversation between her aunt and the detective that followed it, without more than casual interest.

Nevertheless, that conversation was to have vital results later on.

"Your point about that thumb-print on the stair-rail is very interesting," Anderson said, with a certain respect. "But just what does it prove?"

"It points down," said Miss Cornelia, still glowing with the memory of the whistle of surprise the detective had given when she had shown him the strange thumb-print on the rail of the alcove stairs.

"It does," he admitted. "But what then?"

Miss Cornelia tried to put her case as clearly and tersely as possible.

"It shows that somebody stood there for some time, listening to my niece and Richard Fleming, in this room below," she said.

"All right—I'll grant that to save argument," retorted the detective. "But the moment that shot was fired, the lights came on. If somebody on that staircase shot him, and then came down and took the blue-print, Miss Ogden would have seen him."

He turned upon Dale.

"Did you?"

She hesitated. Why hadn't she thought of such an explanation before? But now—it would sound too flimsy!

"No, nobody came down," she admitted, candidly. Miss Cornelia once more had put herself between him and Dale.

"Now, Mr. Anderson—" she warned.

The detective was obviously trying to keep his temper. "I'm not hounding this girl!" he said, doggedly. "I haven't said yet that she committed the murder—but she took that blueprint and I want it!"

"You want it to connect her with the murder," parried Miss Cornelia.

The detective threw up his hands.

"It's rather reasonable to suppose that I might want to return the funds to the Union bank, isn't it?" he queried in tones of heavy sarcasm, "provided they're here," he added, doubtfully.

Miss Cornelia resolved upon comparative frankness.

"I see," she said. "Well, I'll tell you this much, Mr. Anderson—and I'll ask you to believe me as a gentlewoman. Granting that, at one time, my niece knew something of that blueprint—at this moment we do not know where it is or who has it."

Her words had the unmistakable ring of truth. The very oath from the detective that succeeded them showed his recognition of the fact.

"Damnation," he muttered. "That's true, is it?"

"That's true," said Miss Cornelia firmly. A silence of troubled thoughts fell upon the three. Miss Cornelia took out her knitting.

"Did you ever try knitting when you wanted to think?" she queried sweetly, after a pause in which the detective tramped from one side of the room to the other, brows knotted, eyes bent on the floor.

"No," grunted the detective. He took out a cigar—bit off the end with a savage snap of teeth—lit it—resumed his pacing.

"You should, sometimes," continued Miss Cornelia, watching his troubled movements with a faint light of mockery in her eyes, "I find it very helpful."

"I don't need knitting to think straight," rasped Anderson, indignantly. Miss Cornelia's eyes danced.

"I wonder!" she said, with caustic affability. "You seem to have so much evidence left over. Do you believe in circumstantial evidence?"

"It's my business," said the detective stolidly. Miss Cornelia smiled.

"While you have been investigating," she announced, "I, too, have not been idle."

The detective gave a barking laugh. She let it pass.

"To me," she continued, "it is perfectly obvious that one intelligence has been at work behind many of the things that have occurred in this house."

Now Anderson observed her with a new respect.

"Who?" he grunted, tersely.

Her eyes flashed.

"I'll ask you that! Some one person who, knowing Courtleigh Fleming well, probably knows of the existence of a hidden room in this house—and who, finding us in occupation of the house, has tried to get rid of me in two ways. First, by frightening me with anonymous threats—and, second, by urging me to leave. Some one, who, very possibly, entered this house tonight, shortly before the murder, and slipped up that staircase!"

She Shrieked Madly.

"The doctor?"

Miss Cornelia knitted on, as if every movement of her needles added one more link to the strong chain of probabilities she was piecing together.

"When Doctor Wells said he was leaving here earlier in the evening for the Johnsons, he did not go there," she observed. "He was not expected to go there. I found that out when I telephoned."

"The doctor!" repeated the detective, his eyes narrowing, his head beginning to sway from side to side like the head of some great cat just before a spring.

"As you know," Miss Cornelia went on, "I had a supplementary bolt placed on that terrace door today." She nodded toward the door that gave access into the alcove from the terrace. "Earlier this evening, Doctor Wells said that he had bolted it, when he had left it open—purposely, as I now realize, in order that he might return later. You may also recall that Doctor Wells took a scrap of paper from Richard Fleming's hand and tried to conceal it—why did he do that?"

She paused for a second. Then she changed her tone a little.

"May I ask you to look at this?"

She displayed a piece of paper on which Doctor Wells had started to write the prescription for her sleeping-powders—and now her strategy with the doctor's bag and the soot Jack Bailey had got from the fireplace stood revealed. A sharp, black imprint of a man's right thumb—the doctor's—stood out on the paper below the broken line of writing. The doctor had not noticed the staining of his hand, by the blackened bag-handle, or, noticing, had thought nothing of it—but the blackened bag-handle had been a trap, and he had left an indelible piece of evidence behind him. It now remained to test the value of this evidence.

"A thumb-print," muttered Anderson. "Whose is it?"

"Doctor Wells'," said Miss Cornelia with what might have been a little crow of triumph in any one not a Van Gorder.

Anderson looked thoughtful. Then he felt in his pocket for a magnifying glass, failed to find it, muttered and took the reading-glass Miss Cornelia offered him.

"Try this," she said. "My whole case hangs on my conviction that that print and the one out there on the stair-rail are the same."

He went out, rather grimly, paper and reading-glass in hand, to make his comparison. It was then that Beresford came in, a new and slightly rigid Beresford, and crossed to her at once.

Miss Van Gorder," he said, all the flippancy gone from his voice, "may I ask you to make an excuse and call your gardener here?"

Dale started uncontrollably at the ominous words, but Miss Cornelia betrayed no emotion except in the increased rapidity of her knitting.

"The gardener? Certainly—if you'll touch that bell," she said pleasantly.

Beresford stalked to the bell and rang it. The three waited—Dale in an agony of suspense. The detective re-entered the room by the alcove stairs, his mien unfathomable by any of the anxious glances that sought him out at once.

"It's no good, Miss Van Gorder," he said quietly. "The prints are not the same."

"Not the same!" gasped Miss Cornelia, unwilling to believe her ears.

Anderson laid down the paper and the reading-glass with a little gesture of dismissal.

"If you think I'm mistaken, I'll leave it to any unprejudiced person or your own eyesight. Thumb-prints never lie," he said in a flat, convincing voice. Miss Cornelia stared at him—disappointment written large on her features.

"I still believe it was the doctor," she said stubbornly—but her tones were not the tones of utter conviction which she had used before.

"And yet," said the detective, ruthlessly demolishing another link in her broken chain of evidence, "the doctor was in this room tonight, according to your own statement, when the anonymous letter came through the window."

Miss Cornelia gazed at him blankly, for the first time in her life at a loss for an appropriately sharp retort. It was true—the doctor had been here in the room beside her, when the stone bearing the last anonymous warning had crashed through the window pane. And yet—

Billy's entrance in answer to Beresford's ring made her mind turn to other matters for the moment. Why had Beresford's manner changed so, and what was he saying to Billy now?

"Tell the gardener Miss Van Gorder wants him—and don't say we're all here," the young lawyer commanded the butler sharply. Billy nodded and disappeared. Miss Cornelia's back began to stiffen—she didn't like other people ordering her servants around like that.

The detective, apparently, had somewhat of the same feeling.

"I seem to have plenty of help in this case!" he said, with obvious sarcasm, turning to Beresford.

There was a fateful pause, for an instant, while Dale roved nervously from one side of the room to the other. Then Jack Bailey came into the room—alone.

He seemed to sense danger in the air. His hands clenched at his sides, but except for that tiny betrayal of emotion, he still kept his servant's pose.

"You sent for me?" he queried of Miss Cornelia, submissively, ignoring the glowering Beresford.

But Beresford would be ignored no longer. He came between them before Miss Cornelia had time to answer.

"How long has this man been in your employ?" he asked brusquely, manner tense.

Miss Cornelia made one final attempt at evasion.

"Why should that interest you?" she parried, answering his question with an icy question of her own.

It was too late. Already Bailey had read the truth in Beresford's eyes.

"I came this evening," he admitted, still hoping against hope that his cringing posture of the servitor might give Beresford pause for the moment.

But the promptness of his answer only crystallized Beresford's suspicions.

"Exactly," he said, with terse finality. He turned to the detective.

"I've been trying to recall this man's face ever since I came in tonight—" he said with grim triumph. "Now, I know who he is."

"Who is he?"

Bailey straightened up. He had lost his game with Chance—and the loss, coming when it did, seemed bitterer than even he had thought it could be—but before they took him away, he would speak his mind.

"It's all right, Beresford," he said, with a fatigue so deep that it colored his voice like flakes of iron-rust. "I know you think you're doing your duty—but I wish to God you could have restrained your sense of duty for about three hours more!"

"To let you get away?" the young lawyer sneered, unconvinced.

"No," said Bailey with quiet defiance. "To let me finish what I came here to do."

"Don't you think you have done enough?" Beresford's voice flicked him with righteous scorn, no less telling because of its youthfulness. He turned back to the detective soberly enough.

"This man has imposed upon the credulity of these women, I am quite sure without their knowledge," he said, with a trace of his former gallantry. He is Bailey of the Union bank, the missing cashier."

The detective slowly put down his cigar on an ashtray.

"That's the truth, is it?" he demanded.

Dale's hand flew to her breast. If Jack would only deny it—even now! But even as she thought this, she realized the uselessness of any such denial.

Bailey realized it, too.

"It's true, all right," he admitted hopelessly. He closed his eyes for a moment. Let them come with the handcuffs now and get it over—every moment the scene dragged out was a moment of unnecessary torture for Dale.

But Beresford had not finished with his indictment.

"I accuse him not only of the thing he is wanted for, but of the murder of Richard Fleming!" he said, fiercely, glaring at Bailey, as if only a youthful horror of making a scene before Dale and Miss Cornelia held him back from striking the latter down where he stood.

Beresford Already in an Attitude of Defense.

Bailey's eyes snapped open. He took a threatening step toward his accuser. "You lie!" he said in a hoarse, violent voice.

Anderson crossed between them, just as conflict seemed inevitable.

"You knew this?" he queried, sharply in Dale's direction.

Dale set her lips in a line. She did not answer.

Anderson turned to Miss Cornelia. "Did you?"

"Yes," admitted the latter quietly, her knitting-needles at last at rest. "I knew he was Mr. Bailey, if that is all you mean."

The quietness of her answer seemed to infuriate the detective.

"Quite a pretty little conspiracy," he said. "How do you expect me to do anything, with the entire household against me? Tell me that."

"Exactly," said Miss Cornelia. "And if we are united against you, why should I have sent for you? You might tell me that, too."

He turned to Bailey savagely.

"What did you mean by that 'three hours more'?" he demanded.

"I could have cleared myself in three hours," said Bailey, with calm despair.

Beresford laughed, mockingly—a laugh that seemed to sear into Bailey's consciousness like the touch of a hot iron. Again he turned frenziedly upon the young lawyer—and Anderson was just preparing to hold them away from each other by force if necessary when the doorbell rang.

For an instant the ringing of the bell held the various figures of the little scene in the rigid postures of a waxworks tableau—Bailey, one foot advanced toward Beresford, his hands balled up into fists—Beresford already in an attitude of defense—the detective about to step in between them—Miss Cornelia stiff in her chair—Dale over by the fireplace, her hand at her heart. Then they relaxed.

"Probably the doctor," murmured Miss Cornelia uncertainly, as the doorbell rang again. "He was to come back with some sleeping-powders."

Billy appeared for the key of the front door.

"If that's Doctor Wells," warned the detective, "admit him. If it's anybody else, call me."

Billy grinned acquiescently and departed. The detective moved nearer to Bailey.

"Have you got a gun on you?"

"No." Bailey bowed his head.

"Well, I'll just make sure of that." The detective's hands ran swiftly and expertly over Bailey's form, through his pockets, probing for concealed weapons. Then, slowly drawing a pair of handcuffs from his pocket, he prepared to put them on his wrists.

But Dale could bear it no longer. The sight of her lover, beaten, submissive, his head bowed, waiting obediently like a common criminal for the detective to lock his wrists in steel broke down her last defenses. She rushed into the center of the room, between Bailey and the detective, her eyes wild with terror, her words stumbling over each other in her eagerness to get them out.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Luxemburg Has Much to Attract the Tourist

About all the average person knows about Luxemburg is that it is a small country somewhere between Belgium and Germany, but the little country possesses some rare scenery. The country is as old as most of its neighbors, and Rome thought it important enough to fortify it, centuries ago. From its ducal family have come queens of France and emperors of Germany. The city of Luxemburg is a rocky gem in a forest setting, and, according to Edwin Robert Petre, travel writer, from here one can look to Treves and Thionville, and not only into Germany but to Longwy and the north of France, Arlon, Brussels and the coasts of Belgium. The old fortress of Vauban has been modernized so that its gloom no longer shadows the city. When the visitor has seen its sights, such as the duke's palace, in Spanish Renaissance style, the Seventeenth century cathedral, its bridge and viaducts, the palace of the "Arbed," the Musee Pescator and its wonderful parks, he has before him some of the best motor roads in Europe for a spin through the duchy to see its other cities and towns.—Detroit News.

City's Downfall Complete

Achaia was the name given by the Romans to the province that comprised the southern part of Greece, and the capital of the province was the famous city of Corinth. In ancient times its wealth was so great as to be proverbial; so were the vice and profligacy of its inhabitants. The city in the Middle ages shrunk to a miserable village, standing on part of the site of the ancient city.

Explosion's Effect

The bureau of standards says that the noise and the shock of an explosion occur simultaneously. There is an interesting record of an observer in England who was looking down and across a stretch of open country from a hill during a bright sunshiny day, and suddenly noticed a long narrow shadow rushing toward him silently across the valley. As it passed him he heard the sudden report of a heavy explosion and felt the jar of it. A powder magazine several miles away had exploded, as he learned later. The "shadow" was the result of the increased density of the air in the compression waves.

If American, O. K.

A man was seen in the west end of London wearing a straw hat with evening dress. I understand that no legal proceedings will be taken against him if he can prove he is an American.—London Passing Show.

THE KITCHEN CABINET

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Wholesome food, creative work, a mental interest in growing things, a close comradry in the family life:—all these things have conspired to keep farm folks clean of body and brain.

SEASONABLE IDEAS

When baking fruit cake use any favorite recipe and place in a round pan and bake for two hours between two heated radiators, heated twenty minutes. Open the cooker after the first fifteen minutes to allow the steam to escape. Fruit cake thus baked has something of the old brick oven flavor. This method may be used for wedding cakes or for any dough mixture that requires long slow baking.

Wedding Cake.—Take one cupful each of molasses, brown sugar, white sugar, coffee, butter, six eggs, one teaspoonful of soda, two pounds of raisins, one pound of currants, one-half pound of citron, one-half pound each of figs and dates, one pound of walnut meats, chopped; four cupfuls of flour, one-half ounce each of orange and lemon extract, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-half teaspoonful of cloves, nutmeg and allspice; two cupfuls of chopped apples, salt to taste. Mix well and steam three hours; bake one hour.

Old-Fashioned Pound Cake.—Cream one cupful of butter and add one and two-thirds cupfuls of granulated sugar, gradually beating well, then add five eggs, one at a time, beating vigorously after each addition. When the mixture is creamy fold in two cupfuls of pastry flour. Bake in a slow oven one hour.

White Fruit Cake.—Cream two-thirds of a cupful of butter until creamy, add gradually one and seven-eighths cupfuls of pastry flour, mixed with one-fourth teaspoonful of soda; then add one-half teaspoonful of lemon juice. Six egg whites beaten stiff are mixed with one and one-fourth cupfuls of powdered sugar, adding gradually. Combine mixtures and when thoroughly blended add two-thirds of a cupful of candied cherries, one-third of a cupful of blanched and shredded almonds, one-half cupful of sliced citron and one teaspoonful of almond extract. Turn into a cake pan and bake in a moderate oven for one hour.

Puddings and Things.

The old-fashioned English plum pudding has always been considered a treat; here is one:

English Plum Pudding. — Take one pound each of raisins and currants, one-half pound of shredded candied orange peel, using one-fourth of a pound of flour, or one cupful to flour the fruit. Add one-half pound of mixed nuts chopped fine. Add one-half of a grated nutmeg, three-fourths pound of bread crumbs and one pound of chopped suet. Beat five eggs without separating, until light. Add one-half pint of grape juice—mix well. Pack into well-greased molds, cover carefully and boil or steam ten hours. When done remove the covers and allow the pudding to cool. When it is cold the cover may be replaced, and when wanted, may be reheated by steaming for an hour. Serve with a hard or liquid sauce.

Vegetable Plum Pudding.—Take one pound of smooth mashed potatoes, one-half pound of carrots which have been boiled tender and mashed, one pound each of flour and currants, three-fourths pound of brown sugar, one pound of raisins, two ounces of suet, one grated nutmeg, one-half teaspoonful of salt, and one egg. Mix well and put into a well-floured cloth, tie up, leaving space to swell and boil in a kettle of water for six hours. Spices of various kinds may be added besides the nutmeg, if liked. This is considered a fine pudding to serve either hot or cold and is more digestible than many others.

Ginger Creams.—Take one-half cupful each of butter and lard, one cupful of brown sugar, one cupful of New Orleans molasses, one cupful of boiling water, one and one-half teaspoonfuls of ginger, with one-half teaspoonful of soda and flour to mix not too stiff. When the spoon stands upright in the dough it is stiff enough. Mix at night and let stand in a cold place, then in the morning roll out about half an inch thick, cut and bake in a moderate oven. Spread with boiled frosting.

Peach Betty.—Crumb stale cake and put into a saucepan with butter, stir until well blended. Use one-half cupful of butter to three cupfuls of crumbs. Put a layer of crumbs in the baking dish, then a layer of peaches sliced, then a layer of sugar, a bit of orange peel or lemon peel. Bake one hour. Cover the dish during the first of the baking, then remove and brown. Serve with cream and sugar.

Dates, figs and prunes stuffed with chopped nuts and minced marshmallows make a fine confection.

When cooking rice, add plenty of boiling water to start with, then the grains will stand up and not cling together.

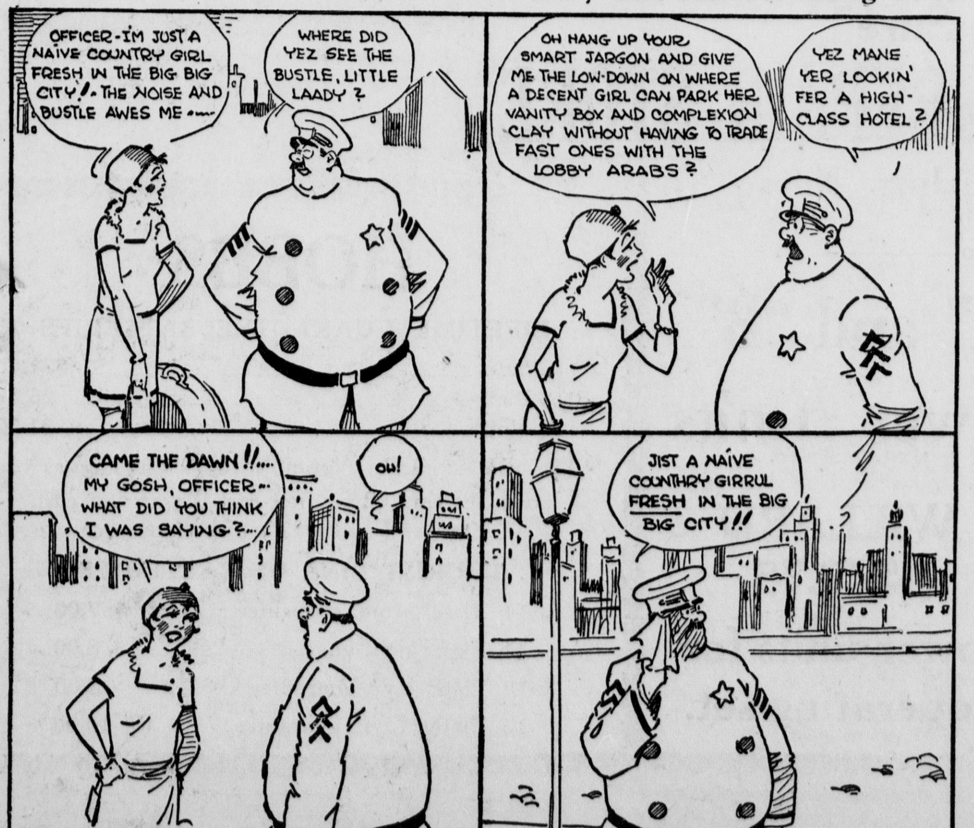
Nellie Maxwell

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men

THE FEATHERHEADS — Felix Loves the Little Dears

FINNEY OF THE FORCE — The Country Girl Can Get Along O. K.



Adrift With Humor

SUPPORT

This amusing wedding incident is related: Among the attendant flower girls was the small niece of the bride. She loved her Aunt Frances and thought everything she did was just right. The minister had put the question, "Do you take this man to be your wedded husband?"

"I do," said the bride.

"I do, too, Aunt Francey," piped up the small flower girl, loyally.

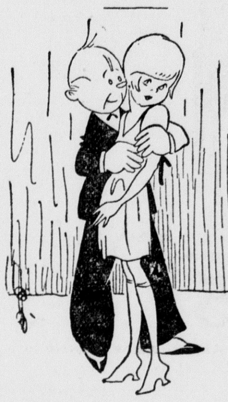
Just to Oblige

A botanist had just discovered a new plant and asked his wife what he should call it. The lady was deep in a cross-word puzzle. "Call it Sprzophanx," said she.

"Why on earth should I do that?" he asked in amazement.

"Because that is the word I want to finish this puzzle," she replied—

WHAT SHE MISSED



He—I never dreamed love was like this, did you?

She—No, I thought there were more theaters and candy in it.

Tough Luck

Jack (at resort)—I guess I'm out of it. Now that I've bought the ring she refuses to give me her answer for a week.

Tom—Well, what of that?

Jack—Why, in order to stay here another week I'll have to hock the ring.—Boston Transcript.

His Opportunity

Visitor—I suppose your wife listened in when you were broadcasting, Professor Tweezy?

The Professor—She did, madam. And for the first time in nearly thirty years I had the pleasure of addressing her without interruption.

Try This!

Parker—I kicked my wife out of bed three times last night.

Watson—Ha, ha! That's a good joke on you!

Parker—No, the joke's on her—she thought I did it in my sleep!

COLD RESISTANCE

"Of all the creatures the polar bear can stand the most cold."

"Oh, no; the flapper can let him keep his fur coat and beat him at that!"

And Caves Out of Cavities

"Spent three hours at the dentist's this morning, all on account of a slight imperfection in one tooth. How those fellows do magnify trifles."

"Make mountains out of molars, what!"

Heavy Loss

Mick—That's the old skinflint that swindled me out of a $50,000 fortune.

Nick—How's that?

Mick—Wouldn't let me marry his daughter.—Capper's Weekly.

His End of It

Player (complacently)—The other members here seem quite proud of me.

Caddie (not to be outdone)—Yus, you allus nabs the best caddie!—Humorist.

Thoughtful Woman

Grocer—Canned beans or in the bulk?

Mrs. Smith—In the bulk, please. The doctor told my husband he needed bulk in his food.

Seek Religious Calm in Faith of Buddhism

In London it is said that Buddhist missionaries have made more than 300 converts in England in less than a year, not among orientals who have drifted into the world's most famous port, but among Englishmen and Englishwomen.

This ought not to cause much astonishment. Some people are always in a state of unrest and discontent with respect to religious matters. They long for peace of mind and spirit which they have not found and they are ready to try something they have not tested.

Buddhism has an especial appeal to such persons now, in the foremost countries of the western world, because it exalts quiet faith in the ultimate destiny of man and teaches striving toward repose, serenity of thought and feeling. Some individuals who find themselves more or less out of tune with their times and their environment imagine that such faith is an endless ultimate calm, and such striving toward it is the one thing they yearn for and most need.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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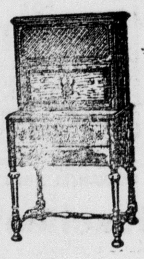

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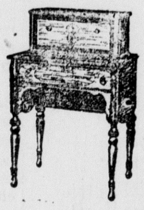

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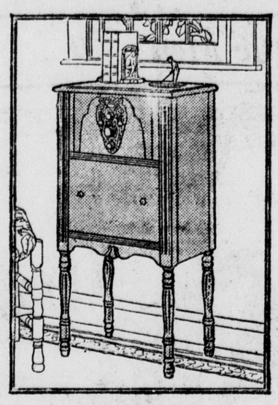

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PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mrs. M. Fournier was an Oakland visitor today.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bishop spent Wednesday in Oakland.

The Reading section of the Country Club met with Mrs William Ford Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Fred Nelson and Mrs. Joe Champion spent a few days in San Francisco the latter part of last week.

Lelburn Hobson, Mrs. A. Nelson and Miss Evelyn Nelson of Hollywod visited Mrs. E. L. Chittendon this week enroute to their home.

A party of young people from Niles will attend the presentation ot "The Miracle" to be given at Mills College this evening.

Mrs. Emily Johnson who has spent some time in this vicinity left today for Napa where she will make her home. Mrs. Lucile Hughes will take Mrs. Johnson's place at Miss Shinn's home. Mrs. Johnson has made many friends in the vicinity of Niles and regrets to leave them.

County Supervisor Ralph Richmond returned to his home at Niles Wednesday after a few days' trip to Yosemite. He was accompanied by Mr. Thomas from the County Surveyor's office and the trip was made for the purpose of inspecting roads there. They report that snow wah fallinv in Yosemite when they left there Tuesday.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application No. 14184

In the matter of the application oi Pacific Gas & Electric Company to exercise a franchise to supply gas in the unincorporated towns of Decoto, Niles, Alvarado, Centerville, Newark and Irvington, in the territory adjacent thereto or lying between saia towns and in other parts of Alameda County.

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Railroad Commission of the State of California has set a hearing in the above entitled matter before Examiner Gannon for Tuesday, December 20, 1927, at 10:00 a. m., in the Court Room of the Commission, 520 State Bldg., San Francisco, California, at which time and place all interested parties may appear and be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of November, 1927.

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H. G. MATHEWSON, Secretary
Railroad Commission of the
State of California.

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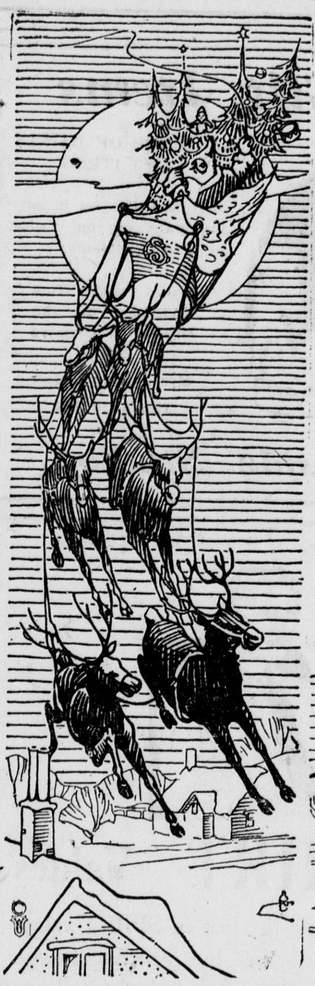

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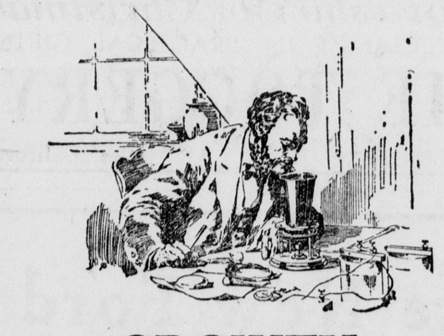

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES' SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST

WHEREAS, JOSEPH PASTORINO, single, did make, execute and deliver his certain deed of trust dated March 9th, 1925, to CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association, as Grantee for the benefit and security of JACK STADLER, the beneficiary under said deed of trust, which deed of trust was duly recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Alameda, State of California on the 13th day of March, 1925 in Volume 926 of Official Records on page 351, and which said deed of trust was given to secure the payment of a certain promissory note of said Grantor in the principal sum of Eleven Hundred Forty ($1140.00) Dollars made, executed and delivered by said Grantor to said beneficiary, and by which said deed of trust the real property therein described was conveyed to said Grantee for the purposes therein specified; and

WHEREAS, said beneficiary, Jack Stadler, is now and at all times mentioned in said Deed of Trust, the owner and holder of said note and said Deed of Trust and of the indebtedness due thereunder; and

WHEREAS, said Grantor has made default in the payment of said promissory note and in the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust, and has defaulted under the terms of said Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, JACK STADLER, said beneficiary, did heretofore and pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and after and while said Grantor was in default as aforesaid, and on the 23rd day of August, 1927 record in volume 1618 of Official Records at page 436 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California, its notice of said default and breach by said Grantor under said terms of said deed of trust and notice of his election to sell or cause to be sold the real property hereinafter and in said Deed of Trust described reference to which said notice is hereby made; and

WHEREAS, more than three months have elapsed since the recordation of said notice of breach of the terms of said Deed of Trust and of said notice of election to sell said real property; and

WHEREAS, the said JACK STADLER, did heretofore demand of the undersigned as such Grantee to forthwith proceed to sell said real property in the manner provided by law and pursuant to the terms of said Deed of Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to said demand ,and in accordance with the terms and under the authority of said Deed of Trust, the undersigned, CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK OF OAKLAND, a National Banking Association, as such Grantee hereby gives notice that on the 24th day of December, 1927 at the hour of 10 A. M. of said day at the front steps of the Alameda County Court House, situated in the city of Oakland, said County and State, said Grantee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States of America, the hereinafter described real property, to-wit:

All that certain lot, piece, parcel or tract of land situated, lying and being in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of Califonia, bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at a point on the Northerly line of the County Road from Centerville to Jarvis Landing, otherwise known as Mayhew's Landing, distant thereon South 52 degrees west 2.93 chains from the point where the line dividing Surveys 129 and 130 of the Ex-Mission of San Jose intersects said line of said Road; and running thence North 43 degrees west 11.67 chains to a stake; thence south 47 degrees west 8.97 chains to a stake in the center of a private road 30 feet wide; thence along the center of said Private Road south 43 degrees east 10.88 chains to a stake on the said northerly line of said County Road from Centerville to Jarvis Landing; and thence along said last named line, north 52 degrees east 9.01 chains, to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING about 10.118 acres, and being a portion of a tract of land designated as Survey 129, otherwise as Lot 49 on the official connected Plat of Ex-Mission of San Jose, as certified 28th day of October, 1865 by the U. S. Surveyor General of California, said portion being designated as Tract "B" on a certain Map entitled, "MAP IN PARTITION OF THE LANDS OF THE ESTATE OF EBENEZER HALEY, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF EX-MISSION SURVEY NO. 129, WASHINGTON TP., ALAMEDA CO., CALIFORNIA, Sept. 1899", filed November 27th. 1899 in the office of the County Recorder of said Alameda County.

TOGETHER with a Right of Way, free of obstruction, to and from the County Road above mentioned, for any and all lawful purposes over a strip of land 15 feet wide extending along and without the westerly boundary line of said above described tract "B" said above referred to Right of Way being along and within the Eastern boundary line of that portion of Tract "G" of said Map in Partition of the lands of the Estate of Ebenezer Haley, deceased, as lies opposite said Tract "B" and subject to a similar Right of Way in favor of Tract "C", "D", "E", "F" and "G" as per said Map in Partition of the lands of the Estate of Ebenezer Haley, deceased in favor of all present and future owners of said tracts and subdivisions thereof over and confined to a strip of land 15 feet wide, extending along and within the extreme westerly boundary of said above described tract "B."

TERMS OF SALE: Cash in lawful money of the United States on fall of hammer ,and costs of sale at purchaser's expense and title at purchaser's risk and sale subject to unpaid taxes and assessments if any.

JACK STADLER the owner and holder of said promissory note and of the said indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, or any other person, may purchase at said sale.

Dated this 29th. day of November 1927.

CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK
OF OAKLAND, a National
Banking Association.
By J. G. Hassler, Cashier
and by Daniel Read,
Trust Officer.
(seal)
J. J. ROSE, Jr.,
Attorney for Grantee.

Y. L. I. MEETS TONIGHT

'A joke Christmas tree will be a feature of this evening's meeting of the Y.L.I. which will be held at the I.O.O.F. hall at Niles. A large attendance is expected.

Mrs. Florence Hudson will spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Button and family of Burlingame.

Mrs. Jack Alberg of Niles went to San Francisco Monday, for a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. Atsroph.

The Martha Washington Circle of the Eastbay Girl's Association was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Frank Zwissig last Thursday. There were two tables of bridge and Mrs. C. E. Martinstein won high score. The next meeting of the circle will be held January 11 at the home of Mrs. Clara Martinstein

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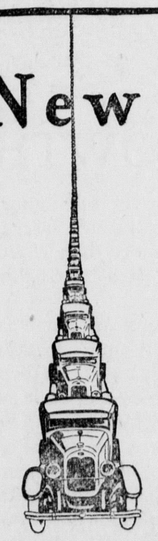

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California Ranch News

California-raised beef sold for $2.35 a pound on the hoof last week in Chicago. One thousand and fifty-five pounds were disposed of at this price—all in one piece. The total price paid was $2,579.25. This was the price paid for "California Stamp," 1927 grand champion Angus shorthorn bull exhibited by the University of California at the International Livestock Exposition.

Low-grade cotton should not be abandoned by San Joaquin Valley growers this year, but should be picked and marketed, according to a statement by Cecil F. White, local manager of the California Cotton Mills Company, with offices at Stockton. There is a scarcity of low-grade cotton this year, which has resulted in much better prices than those prevailing last year, when a large part of such product was left unpicked. An abundance of high-grade cotton and scarcity of the low-grade article has caused the price of the latter to advance to a point almost equal to that of the better quality, White said.

With production steady and prices two cents higher than a month before, Tulare dairymen congratulated themselves on a new high record for November, when checks totaling $341,959.54 were paid out by creameries. Early rains, improving green feed, caused production to rise, while prices had been climbing for three months reaching a five-cent increase about the 1st of November. Prices were paid as follows: Whole milk 62 cents, sweet cream 56 cents, and churning cream 53 cents.

El Monte walnut growers closed one of the most prosperous seasons in recent years last week with a total revenue of $814,560 derived from the sale of nuts. The El Monte Walnut Growers' Association, with a membership of 275 and a total acreage of 2800 acres, has paid about 70 per cent of a total estimated return of $495,000 to its members. The total amount of marketable nuts handled by this association was 3,459,464 pounds, as compared to 1,110,405 last season, an increase of more than 300 per cent. The proportion of culls was slightly higher than last year, being 30 per cent, as compared to 35 per cent. Prices also were lower this year.

To the Madera County Cow-Testing Association, operating in the Chowchilla community north of Fresno, goes the honor of being the first 100 per cent dairy organization in the State in which all member herds are headed by pure-bred sires. During the year just closed by the association, twenty-three member herds were sired by pure-bred bulls, while the nine remaining herds were headed by grade animals. At the annual meeting held recently, owners of the nine grade herds were presented with pure-bred bulls in exchange for the grade sires in use, thereby making the association a strictly pure-bred organization. According to United States Department of Agriculture records, only two other counties in the entire United States have completely banned "scrub" bulls.

More than half of the forest land of California is in its original state, and more than one-third of logged-over land is now given to second growth. This is revealed in figures announced last week by W. B. Rider, deputy state forester. California in all has 31,600,000 cares of land which may be rated as "forest area." This includes for the most part large acreage of western pine, redwood, sugar pine, douglas fir, red fir, white fir, incense cedar and port orford cedar. Of the total area 16,200,000 acres are covered with timber in its original state. Six and a half million more acres are covered with second growth, while 8,900,000 acres are either barren or are covered with brush or grass.

The largest walnut harvest in the history of the Hemet valley is now practically complete. The total for the season is estimated at 550 tons, nearly 150 tons larger than the previous high-record crop. The packing house of the Hemet Walnut Growers' Association will handle nearly all of the present year's yield, it being estimated that less than 100 tons will be sold independently. The first pool of the season for the association growers closed shortly before Thanksgiving, and over 400 tons was handled by the packing house in that pool.

After months of delay, marked by many meetings and nearly continuous negotiations between the growers' committee and various marketing agencies, the apricot growers of the Hemet district reached an agreement with the California Prune and Apricot Growers' Association the day before Thanksgiving as the result of which the big majority of the large dried apricot holdings in this district will be marketed through the association. The growers believe that the action will result in better net returns for their dried fruit.

A report made by the Santa Fe Railroad company indicates that California marketed a volume of citrus fruit greater by almost 7,000 carloads than the previous record crop—that of 1925-1926. A good season for winter vegetables in California and Arizona is reported.

An emergency railroad rate to bring relief to a now unprofitable market has been asked by the San Joaquin Delta celery growers of Stockton, in a telegram dispatched to the transcontinental freight bureau in Chicago. The growers represent some 4,000 acres of celery.

Walter A. Perry, Stockton produce man, has been elected to the presidency of the San Joaquin County Fair Association, replacing John I. Heffernan, who has held the office during the last eight years. A departure in the fair for 1928 will be a seven-day exposition instead of a six-day one as in past years. The date for next season's fair has been set for August 20th to 26th, inclusive.

California this year has passed the billion dollar mark in the production and marketing of "mother earth" crops, and ranks as second in the nation, only being exceeded by Texas. This is the announcement of the Santa Fe Railroad, through its agricultural department, J. F. Farrell, manager.

Rice harvesting and threshing is proceeding slowly and uncertainly in both the Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valleys, and it is not considered likely that the harvest will be completed before the first of the year, unless very fair weather is encountered immediately.

In an official production test started when she was 6 years and 10 months of age, Violet Donovan, a purebred Jersey producer in the herd of J. E. Thorp of Lockeford, produced 621.91 pounds of butterfat and 12,094 pounds of milk in 305 days. She was with calf for 274 days of this time qualifying for a gold medal awarded by the American Jrsey Cattle Club. When tested as a senior 2-year-old Violet won a silver medal for producing 490.73 pounds of butterfat and 8,801 pounds of milk in 305 days. Her sire is Norma's Gertie's Son of L. and her dam is La Vallette's Violet of L.

Four lemon packing houses in Santa Paula and the Santa Clara Valley, Ventura, have shipped $3,000,000 worth of fruit this year, according to reports issued by the Limoneira company, the Santa Paula Citrus Association, and Blanchard Investment Company and the Teague-McKevett company. A price depression the first of the year forecast limited sale returns, but this condition was materially bettered as the season advanced, and lemon growers at Santa Paula have received unusually large payments this year, according to packing house representatives.

Figures kept by Butte county reveal that 550,000 bags of rice have already been harvested in 1927 in Butte county, and that this is about 60 per cent of the estimated crop. Two and a quarter million bags have been harvested in the State to date and this also is but 60 per cent of the estimated crop, which shows that Butte county is an average county. Over in Glenn and Colusa counties, where an earlier rice was grown, one million bags have been harvested, representing 85 to 90 per cent of the estimated crop. In the Sutter Basin area, embracing Yolo, Yuba and Sutter counties, about 50 per cent of the estimated crop has been harvested.

England and Scotland are the best foreign markets for California grapefruit and oranges, according to a report just issued by the trade extension department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. These countries, according to the report, took approximately $1,300,000 worth of California citrus fruits in the year ending July 30, last, which was an increase of more than $1,000,000 over the purchases of two years ago. While figures are not yet complete, indications are that exports for July and August this year will total more than $1,000,000. Single ships during August have left the Los Angeles port with cargoes of more than 100 carloads of Southern California oranges.

Riverside county citrus producing districts shipped a total of 8609 carloads of oranges, lemons and grapefruit, during the season just closed. According to records in the office of county horticultural commissioner, A. E. Bottel, compiled by Deputy Alex Hansen, this fruit was valued at $12,816,676. This estimate is for f.o.b. returns, and from this is deducted picking, hauling and packing expenses, before the growers receive their share. However, the entire amount is distributed in Riverside county.

Based upon estimates furnished the Santa Fe Railway company by E. E. Kaufman, state and federal statistician at Sacramento, the state minerlogist, and others, the total farm, mineral and timber wealth produced in California during 1927 will amount to approximately $1,171,000,000. This, according to the estimates, exceeds all records for this state and sets a pace that closely follows the great State of Texas with its production of nearly one-third of the nation's cotton and big cattle business. The estimate for the Lone Star State is $1,380,000,000.

Dairy Facts

PREPARING DAIRY FOR COLD WINTER

"The first thing to do in preparing for winter," says Dr. C. H. Eckles, chief of the dairy division of the University of Minnesota, "is to go over your feed situation. If you have silage on hand and legume hay in the barn it will be easy to fix up a suitable grain mixture. If you have corn and oats or barley you will not need to patronize the feed store unless you have some heavy milking cows to feed. If your cows are heavy milkers some concentrate high in protein is needed to balance the grain ration, and the amount needed for the winter should be purchased. It never pays to half feed live stock of any kind.

"Do not wait too long in the fall before beginning to house the cows at night and even during the day whenever the weather is bad. I believe that cows suffer more from cold on the average in November than during any other month. The owner likes to keep them out as long as possible to save labor and possibly in some states with the idea of saving feed. A cow compelled to stand outdoors in a cold raw wind or a cold rain is in no condition to make a profit. She will not hold up in milk like in May or June because she is uncomfortable.

"Housing fattening animals and dairy cows is quite a different proposition. The fat animal is well protected from the cold and does not mind it. The cow in milk is not protected by a layer of fat. She is giving off fat in place of putting it on. A barbed-wire fence is mighty poor shelter for a dairy cow either day or night during the winter."

Avoid Breeding Heifer Before Two Years Old

Experienced dairymen who have been breeding dairy cattle for some time appreciate the damage that is done to heifers if they are bred too young. Premature breeding usually results in undersized animals which have a reduced capacity for milk production. Continued breeding at an early age tends to weaken the vitality and vigor of the herd.

The larger breeds of dairy cattle, like the larger breeds of chickens, require more time to mature than the smaller breeds. This means that Holsteins must be allowed more time to grow than Jerseys. Even the smaller breeds should not be allowed to produce calves before they are two years old if they are to give the best results.

It is generally agreed that Holsteins should be from nineteen to twenty-one months old when bred; Ayrshires should be from eighteen to twenty-months; Guernseys from seventeen to nineteen months, and Jerseys from fifteen to seventeen months. This means that the heifers must not be allowed to run with the herd bull, for they will often come in heat many months before this age is reached.

Clean Stables Greatest Factor Against Disease

The greatest factor in the eradication of bovine tuberculosis is declared to be proper cleanliness of dairy barns. It is significant that one of the greatest troubles experienced in British Columbia during the testing for the establishment of a T. B. free area was to get farmers to properly clean up.

"Fortunately," says the Dairy Farmer, "our friend the sun has prodigious curative powers, and will help to kill off the germs of tuberculosis wherever he gets a chance to do so."

The farmers who are advocating open-air conditions for dairy cows have strong supporters in their claim that it is often the expensive coddled animal which develops T. B. and that the disease is comparatively unknown among cattle which run out practically all the time.

To properly keep clean a cow barn is so difficult that it is rarely done, but the development of disease may be prevented by allowing the animals to exercise in the open rather than by coddling them in tight barns which, in fact, have been proved to be among the worst factors in the spread of T. B. among cows.

Ventilating Barn

When building a new barn or remodeling an old one, many factors and problems should be given the very closest consideration. The location of the barn with reference to drainage and its relation to other buildings cannot be given too much attention. The internal arrangement of the barn and the fixtures that are to be used should be designed to save labor. An abundance of light should be provided, because sunlight is a very important factor.

Watch Young Calf

Too often dry pastures, flies and especially insufficient grain and water cause scrawny-looking calves that never develop into average-size cows. The calf should be eating some grain from the time it is three weeks old and at weaning time this should be slightly increased, especially if the pasture is short. If no pasture is available a little alfalfa hay will help materially. With good pasture, grain is not necessary more than two weeks after weaning.

California News Briefs

"If it can be arranged," President Coolidge may be the guest of California on his vacation in 1928. This was unfolded last week through a casual remark by Raymond Benjamin, San Francisco attorney and Republican leader. It was based upon an invitation which the Californian extended to the President at the White House a few days ago to come out here and enjoy fishing in the high Sierra.

The Maddux passenger airplane line announced last week it would have ships daily in operation between San Francisco and Los Angeles, probably with a stop at Santa Barbara, before the first of the year. A Los Angeles-El Paso line is also in contemplation. The planes are now operating between Los Angeles and San Diego. They carry 12 passengers each.

Definite plans of procedure in the proposed survey of the state revenue raising system are to be taken up at a meeting of the state tax commission to be called at Sacramento within the next few days, it was announced last week by Irving Martin of Stockton, commission chairman.

California's 297 State banks and 342 branches, which represent 53.6 per cent of the institutions doing banking business in the State, had a total of undivided profits of $33,286,325.93 and $57,801,950.96 in surpluses on October 10 last. Will C. Wood, State bank superintendent, reports to Governor C. C. Young in his annual report. These totals, with approximately $26,400,000 in cash and more than $1,518,015,930 on deposits of private funds, State, city and county money and Federal and postal savings, indicate that the bank department are in a healthy condition. The report indicates that there were 2,196,399 depositors.

The California boxing industry entered the ranks of "big business" in the 12 months just ended, with a total "gate" of approximately $2,500,000 and 1,695,749 paid admissions. Walter A. Yarwood, secretary to the State Athletic Commission, so announced last week in his annual report to Governor Young, covering the commission's third fiscal year, or the period from December 1, 1926, to November 30, 1927. During the fiscal year, Yarwood reported, 1,135 boxing shows were held and the commission collected as the State's "cut" $135,388.36.

The State of California, as big brothers to 18,000 crippled children, began functioning last week. The first child to come under the benefits of the Coombs Law, passed at the last legislature, was taken under the wing of the State in Bakersfield. The child was little Barbara Spriggs, 7, a victim of infantile paralysis, committed for care by Superior Judge Owen of Kern county. Under the law, if parent or guardian agrees and a diagnosis is made by a competent physician, a superior judge may commit a needy crippled child for care in an adequate hospital. The county is to pay the costs, and if the county fails to do so, the state stands behind the order with a $25,000 revolving fund that it loans to the county. Dr. Howard Markel, one of the State's leading orthopedists, will care for Barbara.

Presenting what he states is "the most accurate estimate possible," Dr. Charles T. Titus of the political science department of the University of California at Los Angeles, places the population of Los Angeles at 1,170,000 while crediting the entire state with 5,040,000. Doctor Titus' figures for Los Angeles differ by 213,052 with the total announced by officials of the Los Angeles City Directory, who number the inhabitants of the city at 1,383,052.

Approximately three hundred units, including ninety huge floral floats and thirty bands, will make up the parade which is to be the chief attraction at the thirty-ninth annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses on January 2nd. In addition to the floats and bands, the parade will comprise an equestrian division, a novelty division and a division devoted to blossom-decked automobiles. All units will be floral in nature. The ninety floats in the parade will represent about forty Pacific Coast cities and communities, including several in Northern California, Oregon and Washington, according to tournament executives. "States and Nations in Flowers" will be the theme of the 1928 tournament. As in the past, every float must be a floral creation, and only fresh, natural flowers may be used. Born in 1889 as a small village fete, the Tournament of Roses long ago ceased to be merely a local event, and is now regarded as belonging to the entire Pacific Coast. It is said to have become one of the best-known annual festivals in the world.

Representatives of the chamber of commerce of sixteen California cities agreed last week upon area of 2,000 square miles and its population of 2,435,000, as the territory of the Los Angeles metropolitan district which would be recommended to the federal census bureau for the compiling of its 1930 economic survey. The area includes most of Los Angeles county and parts of San Bernardino, Orange and Riverside counties, and comprises a wedge-shaped area roughly eighty miles long and sixty miles wide at the base.

Two Santa Clara county communities have joined the ranks of California cities with standardized traffic codes by adoption of the uniform traffic ordinance. They are Palo Alto and Santa Clara.

Commencing December 1, mail applications for 1928 automobile license plates began to pour in on the State division of motor vehicles at Sacramento. Although mail applications are being received no applications will be received over the counter at Sacramento or at any of the branches in the State until December 15, which is two weeks earlier than formerly. The fee is $3—the same as last year.

Bond certificates of the Republic of Ireland, valued at approximately $8,000, are to sent from California to New York this week. They accrue from the first external loan of the Republic, for which $25,000 was voluntarily subscribed in this State, and will be devoted to the Father York Memorial High School fund.

Plans for ratification by voters in November, 1928, of a bond issue of $6,000,000 to acquire additional state park lands were laid last week by the State Parks Council. The State Park Commission, consisting of William E Colby, San Francisco; President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford University; W. F. Chandler, of Fresno; Henry W. Melveny, Los Angeles, and Frederick R. Burnham, Los Angeles, pledged their aid. They will conduct a survey of the state's parks preliminary to the campaign.

The dome of California's State Capitol soon will be illuminated by a battery of flood lights if plans now being shaped by the department of finance materialize. A. H. Heron, director of the department, said that proposals to replace the 1,200 globes which now outline the dome with flood lights having a total of 32,000 watts are under consideration. He said that frequent replacement of the globes under the existing scheme of illumination is necessary, and that these replacements are both expensive, difficult and dangerous to make.

Shell-torn battle flags and other military emblems dear to the hearts of Californians are to have a magical renewal of life through the ministration of a modern Betsy Ross and a modern wash tub. According to A. H. Heron, director of finance, and Adjutant General R. E. Mittelstaedt, commander of the California National Guard, the rehabilitation work will be carried out until all of the fourteen flag relics of the Spanish-American conflict and sixteen treasured emblems of Civil War days have again been made whole and resplendent.

California motorists paid, through the 3-cent state gasoline tax, $9,035,934 into the state coffers during the first six months of this year, according to figures compiled by the American Motorists Association, in conjunction with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads. The taxes represented the funds collected on the sale of 451,793,681 gallons of gasoline which were sold during the six months period. In both the sale of gasoline and in the gas tax collected, California lead the entire country, the compilation showed. Of the more than $9,000,000 collected in the state, $4,508,000 was expended on the state highway system within the state is is shown by the survey.

Santa Claus is going to give a million dollars' worth of presents to California war veterans this month. The State of California in this case will be Santa Claus, and approximately 220 former service men will be aided in the purchase of homes and farms, according to George M. Stout, secretary of the State Veterans' Welfare Board. The Christmas month purchases of the board, Stout said last week, will bring total expenditures in the veterans' aid program up to $18,800,000 since 1922.

Oral examinations for prohibition agents in Northern California and Nevada, who must qualify themselves for their positions under civil service rules before February 1, 1928, will be held at San Francisco next month by civil service examiners from Washington, according to word received at the Customs House last week. Written examinations for certification on the civil service lists have already been taken by the agents.

Are California's marriages under the three-day marriage license notice law of a more permanent character, and if they are, will this permanency compensate the State for the apparent decrease in marriages under the operation of the notice law? These questions L. E. Ross, statistician for the State Board of Health, would like to have answered. Ross is certain there has been a loss of 4,212 in marriage licenses issued in California during the first three months that the three-day notice law has been in effect. His figures show that during August, September and October only 11,160 licenses were issued, not including those issued in El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Mono and Trinity counties during October. This total compares with 15,372 issued during the same three months of 1926.

Luther Burbank's "work-shop," the gardens on Santa Rosa avenue, Santa Rosa, where he carried on most of the early botanical experiments which made him famous, are to disappear into a real estate subdivision. This announcement was made by Mrs. Burbank, who now lives in the old home.

With more than seven carloads of automobile plates at hand, the State Division of Motor Vehicles has undertaken the annual task of re-licensing over 1,800,000 machines, and will begin receiving over the counters at Sacramento and branch offices on December 15.

Improved Uniform International

Sunday School Lesson

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D.D., Dean Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

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Lesson for December 18

REVIEW: THE EARLY PROPHETS OF ISRAEL

GOLDEN TEXT—God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past to the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken by His Son.

PRIMARY TOPIC—What We Have Learned This Quarter.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Great Men and Great Teachings of the Quarter's Lesson.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Lessons from the Early Prophets.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Mission of the Prophets.

The method of review must always be determined by the genius of the teacher, the aptitude of the pupils and the particular grade in the school. For the adult classes three methods are suggested.

I. Biographical.

During the quarter six great prophets have been under review, namely, Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Haggai and Isaiah. Assignments of these characters to representative members of the class should be made the week before so that they may come prepared to present the vital characteristics of these men.

II. Application of the Prophetic Messages to Modern Life.

Assignments should be made the preceding Sunday so that the members of the class may come prepared to make application of the vital messages of the prophets to the affairs of modern life. The following questions may be considered as representative:

What application can be made of the prophets' teachings as to: (1) The land question in the United States, (2) the problem of pauperism, (3) the problem of capital and labor, (4) light on the theological controversies of the present time, (5) a message for the modern woman, (6) the cause of prohibition, (7) modern amusements, (8) modern church life.

III. A Summary of Facts and Teachings.

Lesson for October 2.

The basis of decision as between Baal and Jehovah was that the true God should answer by fire. The leading lesson is that accepted service is the supreme test, enabling men to choose between Christ and heathen gods.

Lesson for October 9.

Elijah, who was brave before Baal's prophets, was frightened by Jezebel's threat and ran away. He failed at what is usually his strong point.

Lesson for October 16.

Ahab coveted Naboth's vineyard. Jezebel schemed to destroy Naboth so that Ahab's petulant desire might be gratified. Judgment fell upon both Ahab and Jezebel.

Lesson for October 23.

A prophet is one who speaks forth God's message. When Isaiah had a vision of the Lord and was cleansed from sin, he was ready to go at the divine bidding.

Lesson for October 30.

Amos was called from the humble occupation of a shepherd and tradesman to fill the prophetic office. God is not dependent upon any school or system of training for the supply of His workers.

Lesson for November 6.

Though the nation had grievously sinned by worshiping idols, oppressing their fellow men and persecuting the prophets who spake against them, God invited them to return to Him.

Lesson for November 13.

Israel's apostasy was illustrated by Hosea's unfaithful wife. In spite of their wickedness God loved them and pled with them to return unto Him.

Lesson for November 20.

Isaiah pointed out the moral state of the people, exposing their ingratitude, stupidity, and habits of evil, and showed them that although God had severely chastised them, their case was not hopeless.

Lesson for December 4.

Isaiah reminded Israel of God's peculiar favor under the figure of a favorite vineyard. He pointed out the sins which brought their ruin. The outstanding sins were oppression of the poor, drunkenness, proud self-conceit and perversion of justice.

Lesson for December 11.

Through Isaiah's long ministry he was privileged to give counsel to several kings. Sometimes it was counsel of encouragement, sometimes of rebuke. To Ahaz he gave counsel of assurance, pointing to a day of deliverance and blessing through Immanuel. When Hezekiah faced the crisis of invasion by the Assyrians, he turned to the house of the Lord and sent for Isaiah.

Work on Your Knees

A marble cutter, with chisel and hammer, was changing a stone in a statue. A preacher looking on said: "I wish I could deal such clanging blows on stony hearts." The workman made answer: "Maybe you could if you worked like me, upon your knees."

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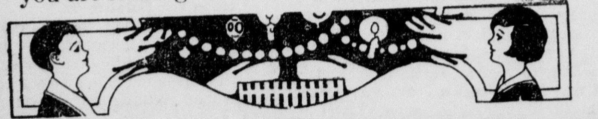

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
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SEALED BIDS will be received by Clerk of the Board of Supervisors oi Alameda County, California, at his office until Tuesday, January 3rd, 1928, at 10:30 o'clock A.M. (the date when said bids will be opened and said contract awarded) for the construction of rock shoulders on County Road known as Alvarado, Centerville Road, from Alvarado to County Road No. 820, all in Washington Road District, Washington Township, Alameda County, California.

Plans and specifications for said work are on file in the office of the County Clerk of Alameda County in the Hall of Records Building in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, where copies may be obtained, by depositing with the County Clerk the sum of Twenty-five ($25.00) Dollars.

Contractors will be restricted as to the length of time they may retain said plans and specifications to Fifteen (15) days.

Deposits of Contractors failing to return said plans and specifications within said fifteen (15) day period, will immediately become forfeited to the County of Alameda.

Each bid must be accompanied by a check for at least ten (10) percent of the total amount of the bid or proposal, certified to by some responsible bank and made payable to Geo. E. Gross, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to be forfeited to the County of Alameda, as agreed and liquidated damages should the party or parties to whom the said contract shall be awarded fail to enter into the contract after the awara or give the bond required by tne Board for the faithful performance of the contract.'

The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
Dated December 12th, 1927
GEORGE E. GROSS,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE. Windmill with tower; also 1 1-2 h.p. gasoline engine. Phone Elmhurst 3180. Enquire Seminary Furniture Store, 5904 Fortune Way, Oakland.

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Mrs Chittendon epent Tuesday and Wednesday in Oakland.

Mr. Fred Nelson spent Monday in Oakland

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Griffith will go to Chico for the holidays.

Principal and Mrs. E. Dixon Bristow and family of Niles will spend the holidays with Mrs. Bristow's people at Marysville.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Moore plan to have Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jelleff oi Los Angeles for the holidays.

Principal and Mrs. E. B. Hodges and family plan to motor to Los Angeles and spend the holidays visiting relatives in that vicinity.

Mrs. Charlotte Huntley Foster, who has been quite ill with a severe attack of la grippe since Sunday, is now somewhat improved.

Recent rains have brought this year's rainfall up to 4.68 according to Miss L. A. Barry. Last year at this date over 6 inches of rain had fallen.

A. E. Champion and Fred Marcott of Oakland spent a short time at Niles with Mr. and Mrs M'Pherson Sunday. They bagged the limit of quail in the Sunol vicinity.

BIG OPERETTA AT DECOTO

The Decoto Grammar school will give an operetta entitled "Jimmy Murphy's Christmas." Friday evening, Dec. 16. Seventy-five children will participate and the program will be more elaborate than those usually attempted. Proceeds from the entertainment will be used to help pey for the new curtain and other stage equipment in the auditorium.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NILES GRAMMAR SCHOOL FRIDAY

Song, "Silent Night"....Student Body
A Surprise for Santa
Muriel Fournier
Song, Santa Claus, by Mamie Miller
Frances Miller, Robert Duarte
Blanche Martin, Ida and Mae Martin, and Maggie Sanchez
Play, Christmas Wishes
Edna Mendoza, Winifred Bendel, Robert Zwissig, Robert Duarte
Mary Gertrude Caley
Song, "Christmas" Same Primary Pupils as above
Recitation, "Christmas Bells"
Betty Bunker
Play, "A Christmas Intruder"
Leona Solon, Irma Hodges, Cleata Farmer, Bobby Solon, Robert Trinchero, Anna Shinn, Annie Rose, and Fay Rose.
Song, "O Christmas Tree"

HOLIDAY NEWS WANTED.

The Township Register wants to know how you are spending the holidays and we will appreciate it if you will call up up at Niles 23 or send us a note telling us what you and your family and friends plan to do during the Christmas season.
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CAMPBELL'S SOUPS, Ass'td. kinds, 3 cans	25c
LIBBY'S SPINACH, Medium size can, each	10c
QUAKER OATS, small pkg. 10c Large pkg.	23c
NUTS, Diamond walnuts, per lb.	27c
IXL Almonds, per lb. 27c Brazil Nuts, per lb.	28c
Mixed nuts, per lb.	27c
PROCESSED EGGS, per dozen. Large eggs, every one guaranteed	39c

ORANGES SUNKIST
Washington navals, 126 size, per dozen
54c

GRAPEFRUIT
Imperial valley, 64 size, 2 for
15c

APPLES, Rome Beauty, For cooking or baking, per lb.	5c
PERSIMMONS, Hychia variety, Seedless and delicious, 2 lbs.	25c
VEGETABLES, beets, carrots, turnips, 2 bunches	5c
ONIONS, Oregon yellow globes, 4 lbs.	15c
CIGARETTES, Chesterfields, per carton, In cartons of 200	$1.19
Mutual Ice Cream, pint brick 15c quart brick	25c

PINEAPPLE LOAF CAKE
Silver cake, crushed pineapple baked in, pineapple icing
23c

PECAN LAYER CAKE
Sponge cake, marshmallow creme filling and icing, topped with tender pecans.
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